BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, 1956-1999¹

Betty S. Becker	Benjamin M. Rose ¹⁰
Gladys F. Canty	Alfred H. Sokolowski 1967-1975
Warren B. Cooksey 1956-1959	Wilber M. Brucker, Jr. 11 1967-1979
Louise C. Grace	Augustus J. Calloway 1969-1977
Leonard Kasle	Kurt R. Keydel 1969-1981
William D. Merrifield 1956-1959	George C. Edwards 1969-1985
Remus G. Robinson 1956-1959	Leon H. Atchison 1970-
Roscoe O. Bonisteel, Sr 1956-1959	Max J. Pincus ¹² 1971-1987
Forest H. Akers ² 1956-1957	Michael Einheuser
Charles G. Burns ³ 1956-1957	Mildred Jeffrey
Melvin E. Bleich 1956-1959	Dauris Jackson (Mrs.) ¹³ 1977-1979
Connor D. Smith ⁴ 1957-1958	Richard C. Van Dusen ¹⁴ 1979-1991
Chris H. Magnusson 1957-1959	George Romney 1979-1985
Don Stevens	Murray E. Jackson 1981-
Clair A. White	C. Gary Artinian
DeWitt T. Burton 1959-1969	George N. Bashara 1985-1993
Michael Ference, Jr.5 1959-1965	Robert H. Naftaly 1987-1994
Leonard Woodcock ⁶ 1959-1970	Elizabeth Hardy
Benjamin D. Burdick ⁷ 1959-1964	Brenda M. Scott ¹⁵ 1991-1995
Jean McKee	Michael Timmis ¹⁶ 1991-1997
Thomas B. Adams 1962-1969	Denise J. Lewis 1993-
Alfred H. Whittaker 1964-1971	Edgar A. Scribner 1993-
Charles H. Gershenson ⁸ 1964-1965	Diane Dunaskiss 1995-
Norman O. Stockmeyer 1964-1975	Vernice D. Anthony ¹⁷ 1995-
William B. Hall ⁹ 1965-1967	Annetta Miller 1997-

¹Act 183 of 1956, establishing Wayne State University as a state institution of higher learning, also fixed the membership and powers of its governing board. Section 2 of the act created a temporary board of governors to serve until a "permanent" board could be elected at the regular biennial spring election of 1959. This temporary board or governors to serve time a perinament. Doard could be elected at the regular biennial spring election of 1959. This temporary board consisted of 11 members representing the following: Detroit Board of Education (7 members serving on the effective date of Act 183 of 1956) - Becker, Canty, Cooksey, Grace, Kasle, Merrifield, Robinson; University of Michigan Board of Regents (1 member) - Bonisteel; State Board of Agriculture (1 member) - Akers; State Board of Education (1 member) - Burns; Governor's Office (1 member) - Bleich. This original board served from June 14, 1956 to May 19, 1959.

Section 3 of Act 183 provided for the election of a permanent, 6-member board, 2 members each to serve terms of 2 (Burton, White), 4 (Ference, Woodcock), and 6 (Burdick, McKee) years. Following the election of this first permanent board, 2 members were each elected for terms of 6 years, beginning with the spring election of 1961.

To facilitate the transition of board operations under the provisions of the Constitution of 1908 to those of the Constitution of 1963, Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963 was enacted. The act extended by 1 year the terms of office of the 6 members of the sitting board (McKee, Burdick, Burton, Adams, Whittaker, Woodcock) and required the appointment by the governor of an additional 2 members to each serve a 1-year term. These appointments increased board membership to 8, as required by the Constitution of 1963. The election of the first board members under the Constitution of 1963 occurred at the general election in November 1964. See Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.

- ²Resigned; succeeded by Connor D. Smith September 1957.
- ³Term of office on State Board of Education expired June 30, 1957; succeeded by Chris H. Magnusson August 1957.
- Resigned; succeeded by Don Stevens February 1958.
- ⁵Appointed to 1-year term January 21, 1964. See Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.
- ⁶Resigned; succeeded by Leon H. Atchison November 18, 1970.
- ⁷Resigned; succeeded by Norman O. Stockmeyer January 21, 1964.
- 8 Appointed to 1-year term January 21, 1964. See Act 23 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963.
- 9 One of first members elected under Constitution of 1963 and Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; resigned and succeeded by Wilber M. Brucker, Ir., September 19, 1967.
- 10 One of first members elected under Constitution of 1963 and Act 5 of the 2nd Extra Session of 1963; deceased; succeeded by Kurt R. Keydel April 30, 1969.
- 11 Resigned; succeeded by Richard C. Van Dusen April 1, 1979.
- ¹² Deceased; succeeded by Robert H. Naftaly September 4, 1987.
- 13 Deceased; succeeded by George Romney November 29, 1979.
- 14 Deceased; succeeded by Michael Timmis September 24, 1991.
- 15 Resigned October 25, 1995; succeeded by Governor Michael Timmis following his resignation from the term he was completing, which was to expire on December 31, 1996.
- ¹⁶ Appointed by Governor John Engler on September 24, 1991, to complete Richard Van Dusen's term, which expired December 31, 1996; resigned on November 27, 1995, and reappointed on November 28, 1995, to complete Brenda Scott's term, which was to expire on December 31, 1998; resigned from second appointment effective December 31, 1996; Timmis succeeded by Vernice D. Anthony on November 28, 1995 (to complete Van Dusen's original term expiring December 31, 1996) and on January 1, 1997 (to complete Scott's original term expiring December 31, 1998).
- ¹⁷Appointed by Governor John Engler on November 28, 1995, to fill vacancy created by resignation of Michael Timmis, who was completing Richard Van Dusen's term expiring December 31, 1996; appointed to fill vacancy effective January 1, 1997, created by resignation of Michael Timmis, who was completing Brenda Scott's term expiring December 31, 1998.

Sources: Archives, Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1835-1962; Bureau of Elections, Michigan Department of State; Constitutions of the State of Michigan; Great Seal Office, Michigan Department of State Record of Civil Officers, 1963 - present; Public and Local Acts of Michigan; and Secretary of the Board of Governors, Wayne State University